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1. Officers of the Korean Residents Association (KRA) (韓國僑民會) in Mukden are elected by representatives from the twenty-six Korean districts in Mukden. One representative is selected for every 100 Koreans over 18 years of age. At present there are 145 representatives.

2. As of 29 August 1947, the new officers and organization of the KRA after the resignation of Yi Joo-ch'ol were as follows:

Vice Chairman: SO Yong-kyu (徐容圭)

Secretary: Yi Ion-hyon (李寅憲)

Chairman: Yi Sŏn-haeng (李善行)  
Assistant: HŎ Pyŏng-mun (許秉文)  
Assistant: CHANG Pyong-ch'il (張炳七)

Chairman: YIM Yǒng-hi (林英姬) (Miss)  
Assistant: PAK Sǒng-yŏl (朴成烈)

Chairman: KIM Kwan-hae (金觀海)  
Assistant: KIM Pyong-no (金平魯)

Chairman: PAK Hyŏn-myŏng (朴賢明)

金榮浩 (JIN Yong-ho)

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Industrial Affairs Department  
Chairman

CHANG Yong-mun (張龍文)

Agricultural Affairs Department  
Chairman:

PYON Kil-sun (邊吉順)

Commercial Affairs Department  
Chairman:

CHO Pyong-ryop (조병림)

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3. On 28 July 1947 YI Hoe-ch'ol (李惠徹) resigned as chairman of the KRA in Mukden. He gave the following as his reasons for resigning:
- It has become increasingly difficult to cooperate with Koreans in the Mukden area.
  - Financial difficulty of soliciting funds for the support of the KRA.
  - The embarrassing use of profits by YI resulting from the operation of the Korean Industrial Development Association (KIDA).
  - The threat of an investigation by the Korean Administration Department of the President's Northeast Field Headquarters (now NEPH) of the allocation of funds provided by the Chinese to Korean farmers in the Mukden area.
4. The Koreans in the Mukden area have not been cooperating with the KRA because the KRA has not shown results beneficial to the majority of the Korean people in the area. Repatriation, which is desired by the Koreans in Mukden, has proceeded slowly and it is felt that the Chinese have been alienated from the Koreans by the actions of Chairman YI.
5. Since the inception of the KRA each Korean in Mukden was supposed to contribute NEC\$500 per month for the support of the KRA. The lack of employment and the poor crops have made the contribution difficult for the majority of the Koreans. The burden of support has rested mainly on the few wealthy Koreans in the area.
6. The Korean Administration Department of the President's Northeast Field Headquarters gave YI NEC\$4,000,000 which was to be allocated to the Korean farmers in the Mukden area to support the spring planting. The Department stipulated the districts which were to be supported and the amount to be given each district. YI did not agree with these stipulations and allocated the money to the districts he believed would produce the most beneficial results. During the last two weeks in July 1947 the districts to which YI distributed the funds were flooded, the crops ruined and the \$4,000,000 wasted. YI believes that his resigning before the Chinese force him to do so by investigating the distribution of the Department's funds given him will ultimately benefit the Koreans in the area.
7. YI's resignation was the result of continuous friction between the KRA under YI's administration and the KIDA which is supported by many Korean businessmen and merchants. Because of the questionable disposition of funds and food collected by the KRA for the entertainment of the Korean Self Defense Army at the Chinese May Festival, YI was suspected of corruption.
8. CH'OE Sök-ch'ön (崔石泉), a staff officer of the Korean Self Defense Army, publicly criticized the former KRA administration under YI. This criticism did much to force YI's resignation.

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